TRENDS

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WASHINGTON, February 8, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 3 totaled 337,389, up 4.6 percent from the comparable week of 1989 but 2.5 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 15.9 percent in the West but down 3.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 18,737 cars (16.8 percent), and loadings of metallic ores increased by 3,012 cars (24.1 percent). Grain loadings rose by 1,178 cars (3.8 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment fell by 5,799 cars (27.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first five weeks of 1990 totaled 1,644,140, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 120,388 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 3, up 4.7 percent from the comparable week of 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of 1990 was 558,571 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 3 totaled 19.6 billion, 4.8 percent above the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1990 was an estimated 95.4 billion ton-miles, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,973	30,795	3.8 %	34,788	-8.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,062	2,384	-13.5	2,073	-.5
Metallic Ores	15,523	12,511	24.1	17,773	-12.7
Coal	130,153	111,416	16.8	132,268	-1.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,375	11,270	9.8	12,408	-.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,758	8,576	13.8	9,323	4.7
Grain Mill Products	10,087	10,271	-1.8	10,167	-.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,360	8,757	6.9	9,157	2.2
Primary Forest Products	9,988	10,674	-6.4	9,864	1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,981	7,280	-4.1	6,992	-.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,736	11,390	-5.7	10,742	-.1
Chemicals	28,430	29,329	-3.1	28,702	-.9
Petroleum Products	4,535	4,917	-7.8	5,108	-11.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,076	9,443	-3.9	8,888	2.1
Coke	5,217	5,815	-10.3	5,505	-5.2
Metals & Products	10,475	10,428	.5	10,588	-1.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	15,568	21,367	-27.1	16,388	-5.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,438	8,993	-6.2	8,654	-2.5
All Other Carloads	6,654	6,967	-4.5	6,476	2.7
Total	337,389	322,583	4.6 %	345,864	-2.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 5 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	337,389	322,583	4.6 %	1,644,140	1,647,327	-.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	68,948	66,515	3.7	312,440	310,406	.7
Containers	51,440	48,481	6.1	246,131	228,817	7.6
Total	120,388	114,996	4.7	558,571	539,223	3.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.6	18.7	4.8 %	95.4	95.0	.4 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 5, 1990 - DRGW, SP & SSW.

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